Remarks; Arguments

A.   Pending Claims

Claims 1-39 are pending. Claims 11, 12, 24, 37 and 38 are amended.

B.   Information Disclosure Statements

The Examiner did not consider the information disclosure statement filed July 12, 2002. The Examiner notes: "Although the IDS states the references were included no copies of the US, Foreign or Non-Patent Literature were received." Applicant submitted the references as evidenced by the enclosed copy of the return receipt postcard. In the interest of expediency, Applicant will resubmit the information disclosure statement and references not considered by the Examiner.

With respect to the second information disclosure statement filed July 12, 2002, the Examiner states: "It has been placed in the application file, but the information referred to therein has not been considered as to the merits." The Examiner appears to contend that the submitted references fail to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97, 1.98 and MPEP §609. Applicants respectfully disagrees and requests consideration of the submitted references.

Below is a copy of the appropriate provisions of 37 CFR 1.98:

> (a) Any information disclosure statement filed under §1.97 shall include:
> (1) A list of all patents, publications, **applications**, or other information submitted for consideration by the Office; ...
> (2)...(iii) **For each cited pending U.S. application, the application specification including the claims, and any drawing of the application, or that portion of the application which caused it to be listed, including any claims directed to that portion;** ...(emphasis added)

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The quoted portions of 37 CFR 1.98 show that an applicant may submit patent applications. Applicant supplied the information required by the 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(iii). Applicant requests consideration of the submitted patent applications.

C.   Objection to the Drawings

The Examiner objected to the drawings for failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(4). The Examiner states "that reference character "270" has been used to designate both the packageset switching module (fig. 3) and memory (fig. 2)." Applicant respectfully disagrees.

Figure 3 does not appear to contain reference character "270." Applicant believes that the Examiner was referring to Figure 2a instead of Figure 3. Figure 2a has been amended. The amendment corrects typographical errors. An annotated drawing sheet showing the corrections and a replacement sheet are enclosed. Applicant requests removal of the objection to the drawings.

D.   The Claims Are Not Obvious Over Perlman et al. Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner rejected claims 1-39 under 35 USC §103(a) as obvious over U.S. Patent No. 5,742,820 to Perlman et al. (hereinafter referred to as Perlman).

To establish a *prima facie* obviousness of a claimed invention, all the claim limitations must be taught or suggested by the prior art. *In re Royka*, 490 F.2d 981, 180 U.S.P.Q. 580 (C.C.P.A. 1974), MPEP § 2143.03. Perlman does not appear to teach or suggest all features of the claims.

Claim 1 and claim 14 each describe combinations of features, including: "entering a key value in a first field of a template displayed on a display screen of a monitor coupled to an FSO computer system". Perlman appears to teach or suggest synchronization of information over a network. Perlman does not appear to teach or suggest the use of a template displayed on a

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display screen. Perlman does not appear to teach or suggest the use of a display screen of a monitor. At least the above quoted features of claim 1 or claim 14, in combination with the other features of claim 1 or claim 14, do not appear to be taught or suggested by the cited art. Applicant requests removal of the obviousness rejection of claim 1, the claims dependent on claim 1, claim 14, and the claims dependent on claim 14.

Claim 11, claim 24, and claim 37 each describes a combination of features, including: "displaying a template on a display screen of a monitor in data communication with the computer system, wherein the template comprises fields configured to receive data entered by a user". Perlman does not appear to teach or suggest at least the above-quoted features of claim 11, claim 24 or claim 37, in combination with the other features of claim 11, claim 24 or claim 37. Applicant requests removal of the obviousness rejection of claim 11, the claims dependent on claim 11, claim 24, the claims dependent on claim 24, claim 37, and the claims dependent on claim 37.

Claim 27 describes a combination of features, including: "entering a key value in a first field of a template displayed on a display screen of a monitor coupled to the FSO computer system". Perlman does not appear to teach or suggest at least the above-quoted features of claim 27, in combination with the other features of claim 27. Applicant requests removal of the obviousness rejection of claim 27 and the claims dependent thereon.
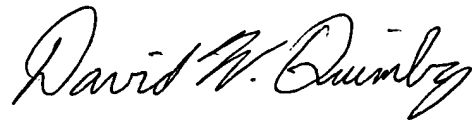
In addition to each of the independent claims being non-obvious in light of the cited prior art, Applicant believes that many of the dependent claims includes features not taught or suggested by the cited art. For example, claim 3 includes the feature of "displaying one or more data elements on the display screen". Perlman does not appear to teach or suggest at least the above-quoted feature, in combination with the other features of the claim.

E.   Additional Remarks

Based on the above, Applicant submits that the claims are now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicant requests a one-month extension of time. A fee authorization is enclosed for the one-month extension of time. Should any other fees be required, the Commissioner is authorized to appropriately charge those fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel Deposit Account No. 50-1505/5053-31101/EBM

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